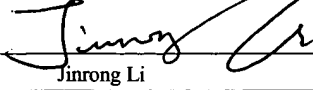


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 37, and amend claims 33 and 34 as follows:

33. (Amended) A sensor pack according to claim 32, further comprising a desiccant.

34. (Amended) A sensor pack according to claim 30, wherein a desiccant accommodation portion for accommodating the desiccant is provided in said holding.